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I didn't know what a boffin is.

A **boffin** is British slang for a scientist, engineer, or other person engaged in technical or scientific work. The original World War II conception of war-winning researchers means that the term tends to have more positive connotations than related terms like spud, egghead, nerd, or geek.

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Our PQC project is apparently now a competition. Also, we are apparently "boffins."

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